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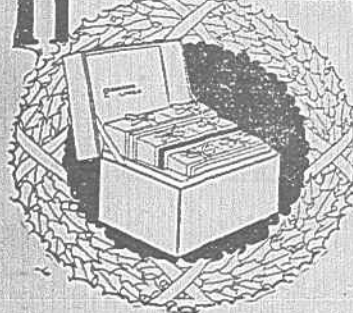
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## INDIA PROSPEROUS AS NEVER BEFORE

According to Travelers and Especially According to the Ministers of France.

SIMLA, Dec. 23.—Travelers in India today constantly hear business men make the statement that never has India been so prosperous. Sir William Meyer, minister of finance, says:

“Economically India is more prosperous than it ever was before. According to western ideas it is still a very poor country but it is advancing as I can testify after a service of thirty-five years here. There has been great development in India's agricultural and industrial enterprises and the government has just recently taken another step in the appointment of a strong commission to consider the possibilities of further industrial development.”

“Since 1900 the progress has been remarkable. Between 1900 and 1910 the number of cotton mills increased from 177 to 210 and the persons employed from 145,000 to 215,000. The production of yarn rose from 343,000,000 to 593,000,000 pounds, and of woven goods from 95,000,000 to 215,000,000 pounds. Jute mills increased in number from thirty-six to sixty and the persons employed from 110,000 to 204,000. Further, the percentage of manufactured goods imported into India as compared with the total imports has been steadily falling, while the percent of manufactured goods among the exports has been simultaneously rising. Agriculture, of course, is the main industry of the country, and during the ten years under question the net area estimated to be sown rose from 138,000,000 to 223,000,000 acres.”

“We have suffered, naturally, in various directions from the war and at one time we were threatened with crises affecting the cultivators in respect of the jute and cotton industries. These have, however, been successfully surmounted and at present these industries are in a prosperous condition, and the cotton ryot in particular is getting very good prices for his produce.”

As to how additional wealth which has accrued to India was distributed, Sir William said: “A good deal of money is hoarded, since the traditions which grew up during many generations of insecure government are not easily shaken, but deposits in banks have increased considerably. There has been a very considerable increase in the standard of comfort of the people, and the rise in prices, which has occurred in India, as well as in western countries, has materially benefited its agricultural and industrial population, though it has pressed hardly on capitalists—mill owners, jute manufacturers and the like—who make in

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some years very large profits. The fact remains, however, that taking India as a whole, it is still very poor as compared with western standards.”

### FRANCE WILL ASK US FOR RECIPROCITY

In Commerce after the War is Over According to Its Prime Minister.

(Correspondence of Associated Press)  
PARIS, Dec. 23.—“How is France going to pay the bill? By applying to productive occupations the effort it has sustained in war,” in the opinion of M. Raoul Peret, former minister of commerce. In an interview with the Associated Press he also declared that the theory of reciprocity ought to be applied to the commercial relations between France and the United States after the war. M. Peret is now “rapporteur” of the budget in the chamber of deputies—a post equivalent to that of chairman of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives.

Alexander Ribot, minister of finance, has had the delicate task of borrowing the unprecedented sums that have been swallowed up by war. Raoul Peret, who has not much more than half of M. Ribot's seventy-five years, has before him the task of finding the wherewithal to liquidate the debt.

“M. Ribot, by his prompt action in issuing short term bonds, rendered an inestimable service to France,” says M. Peret. “He gave the French people a chance to show their confidence; they brought him so much money that it was not until middle of the month that he found it expedient to issue long term bonds. Investment in French bonds are never a gamble; yet, in a sense, the purchase of these securities was a wager on the result of the conflict and upon the ability of France to foot the bill. French peasants, laboring men, mechanics, capitalists and women of all classes that have money saved up—have been wagering in that way a billion a month for nearly two years that France will triumph. Thirty-three and a half billion francs, all told, M. Ribot found in two years' time in the pockets of the people.”

“France in two years' effort, accomplished in military preparation what it took Germany forty-five years to do. The same effort applied to industrial activity will do as much in solving the grave financial problem the war will have left on our hands; but it is scarcely necessary to say that we shall need time to restore our finances.”

“It is difficult, and perhaps futile, to make estimates while the great effort is going on, but, supposing the war adds seventy billion francs to our present national debt of thirty billions, we shall owe a hundred billion francs. That involves an annual interest of five billion francs, and is sufficient to require serious reflection; yet it does not frighten the French people upon whom the charge is going to fall. They bring their money into the treasury as freely to day as they did after the battle of the Marne, when we thought it might be over in less than a year, and they know exactly what they are doing.”

“France has great reasons for wishing to promote closer relations with the United States,” said M. Peret in conclusion. “There are reasons of sentiment and policy besides business reasons. We shall want to see you use more of our products than before the war, and we shall need more from you. What is desirable, even necessary, to facilitate these growing exchanges is a commercial tariff system. Your ad valorem tariff is the obstacle. It almost kept out industries away from the San Francisco fair. We are happy now that they went there, and we have been glad to see your industrial representatives here. It is to be hoped that out of closer intercourse may come a solution to your great benefit as well as ours. It is the theory of reciprocal advantages that ought to be applied.”

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